

# in defense of Dr. Yonge

existence of a reliable absolute external reality simply by kicking a stone lion (as it were.) Obviously, regardless of the physiological effects of the drugs on the individual, this tendency on the part of the user to "opt out" in favour of some kind of euphoric dream world would, if allowed to spread on a large scale, eventually destroy the chain of interdependant multirelationships necessary for the maintenance of a technological society. This is, ultimately, the danger that the drug "scene" poses, leading as it does to a "reversion to the crude or primitive speech, in sexual expression, and in taste for music forms." While Dr. Yonge is undoubtedly right, in the context of his report, to concentrate on psychotropic drugs, there is no reason why his conclusions should not be applied to other

from the university structure. It has been shown by sociologists qualified to report on such matters that an overwhelming percentage of students taking Arts courses at this university are unmotivated and largely parasitic on the dollar-drawing power of their wholly goal-oriented colleagues in the Sciences. Further, the Arts courses have been shown to be designed specifically to the lower student's social usefulness, to encourage him in egocentric self-awareness and to lure him into deserting reality for the proto-psychotic experiences of fantasy and imagination, whose relationship to mental disease is too well-known to need reiteration. Moreover it must be clear that no "great artist" has ever remotely approached a state of health as defined by the World Health Organization. It is thus clear

we know, an entirely original conception. As it stands, the law prohibits loitering "with intent"; Dr. Yonge, as we understand him, would extend this prohibition to loitering without intent, which is indeed a far more insidious and serious offence. For while a man loitering with intent to commit homicide is certainly a criminal, the man merely aimlessly idling is a much more dangerous one.

and socially meaningful, to arrest him. Since "individuals" would be merged as components of the group in a socio-economic living-unit, anti-social proto-regressive primitivism would be impossible at sub-group level, while the officers would be empowered to enter any group-domicile at any time. As to the definition of "persistent and unwarranted idleness," we suggest that apart from a

cursor is the famous German system of social integration (or concentration) camps, and although the sociologists' intentions there were possibly terminal rather than remedial, many of the measures adopted and tested in these institutions might well be applied in the work colonies, more especially since information on their structure and logistics is easier to obtain than in the case of their Soviet counterparts. Such techniques as over-crowding, unsanitary quarters, drab uniform, undernourishment and general mental and physical stress, were found to be most effective in erasing the concepts of individuality and self and replacing them by a healthy group-orientated desire for social fulfillment within the community. Lastly, the situation of the camps, in isolation, suggests that part of their success may have been due to the total environment produced within them. This leads us to propose that if "natural resources" are to be developed, these should be restricted to areas in the extreme north of the country, while the "material services" should be such as can be carried out without undue contact with the public, such as drain-

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phenomena which act to disturb or distort natural processes of mentation, such as movies, television, books, music, love and other manifestations leading to quasi-pathological forms of behaviour. While many of these phenomena are deeply rooted in our society — as deeply rooted, one might say with precision, as our society's sickness—our ultimate goal must be possible, then pleasure, at least in its negative forms, must be eliminated from the lives of her citizens. One minor measure which could be put into effect almost immediately is the removal of the Arts Department

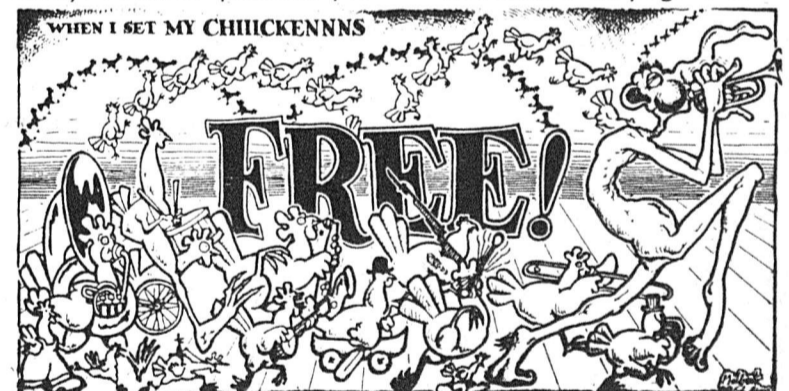
that at present the Arts Department is, and to some extent must be, a hothouse of rampant anti-socio-integrationalist sentiment. Unless its members can prove their social usefulness and begin to fulfill a function by celebrating the joys of "complete physical, mental and social well-being," we recommend they be speedily purged from the university body. Dr. Yonge's proposals that the law against loitering "be extended to include the neglect of educational and occupational opportunities, and persistent and unwarranted idleness as an offence" is an excellent idea and, as far as

The murderer at least operates within a social context—he is performing a function, is strongly goal-orientated and attempting to make contact with others. The persistent idler on the other hand exists in an asocial vacuum, he is egocentric and largely self-sufficient. And, most important, the murderer's victim is only an individual. But the idler may well begin questioning matters outside his area of specialization, his field of competence, which leads ultimately to an attack on society. It is thus clear which of the two is more pernicious.

It may of course be objected that there would arise countless difficulties in the application and definition of such a law. However, these will swiftly disappear if we consider not our present decadent society, with its respect for individual privacy and freedom, but the fine new world of which Dr. Yonge is clearly thinking. In such a world officers could be appointed with powers to question any group-component and, if not satisfied that his attitude is goal-orientated

regulation sleep period (not to exceed five hours in any twenty-four), any activity or stasis not overtly concerned with and demonstrably necessary to the fulfillment of socially-approved group-orientated useful goals, should render the offender liable to instant arrest and, when found guilty, detention in a work colony.

Dr. Yonge's proposals to establish such colonies, while not wholly original, is none the less timely for that. It clearly owes its origins to the Soviet system of remedial "work camps" which has done so much to make their society as healthy as it is today. Another possible pre-



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